REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel for Private Investigation Services Relating to House Investigative Committee

ADDENDUM 2

RFP No. 2013-02

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ITEM 1

Question:

Demonstrated experience appears to be a significant part of the Request for Proposal. In Utah, it is a crime for anyone without a private investigator agency to hold themselves out or contract for investigative services. This license currently requires 10,000 hours of experience, and a minimum level of insurance to qualify for. Section 2 e requires response from investigators providing investigation services to the Committee. Under Utah's licensing scheme, only an agent may provide services to a third party, while apprentice and registrant level licenses may only provide services to Agents (or more technically via Agents). For Utah-licensed investigators, it would be a crime to respond to section 2 of the RFP if the individual did not hold an Agency license, since the recipient of the services would be the Committee *i.e.*, a third party. Will the same highly restrictive standard applied to Utah-licensed respondents be in any way similarly applied to respondents participating under non-Utah licensure?

Answer:

The limited-use license available to out-of-state providers for the limited purpose of providing services to a special investigative committee of the Legislature does not expressly provide that the experience requirements for an out-of-state provider be the same as an in-state provider. Rather, the limited-use license requires that the out-of state responder be licensed in another state and that it meet the licensing requirements for that state. The RFP, however, seeks a highly experienced responder. If the contract is awarded to an out-of-state provider, it is likely that the responder will have the same level of experience, or the equivalent, as is required from an in-state provider.

ITEM 2

Question:

Addendum 1 indicates that specialized capabilities and resources should be discussed in the proposal, but II b of the Cost section provides only a general category to discuss other costs. Is there any clarification of how the Requestor would like to see any separation or granularity of the other costs?

Answer:

No. We rely on the expertise of the responders to provide information relating to "other costs" in a manner that makes the most sense.

ITEM 3

Question:

I just thought you should know that in order to conduct a Private Investigation in Utah you must be 1) a Utah Agency or work for a Agency and 2) be a resident of Utah. Out of State Agencies are therefore disallowed from working in the State of Utah. Anyone submitting a Proposal must be an Agency owner or be working for an agency.

Answer:

The law was changed during the last special session to allow for a limited-use license to be issued to out-of-state private investigators who are working for a special investigative committee of the Legislature. See Utah Code Section 53-9-121.

ITEM 4

Question:

Would the successful bidder be working directly for the State, or would that person or company be working for the already selected legal counsel for the committee? Perhaps more importantly, who would issue the check for payment?

Answer:

The successful bidder will contract directly with the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel and will be paid by the state.